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FOREWORD

This 1980 revised listing of Alberta Municipal Assistance programs replaces the 1979 publication in its entirety. This revised edition reflects any changes, additions or deletions to the provincial assistance programs. The major change in the 1980 program is the development of the Agricultural Services Board program which replaces the majority of the prior year's listing of Agricultural programs. Although there has been little change to Alberta Transportation programs, the booklet format in this publication is divided into rural and urban sections to facilitate more efficient use by rural and urban municipalities.

The various provincial grants and cost sharing programs have been compiled in this publication to provide municipal officials, government employees and the general public with concise descriptions of the numerous programs currently available to Alberta Municipalities, to other government entities and to organizations undertaking co - operative projects. Also included in this survey of available programs are those jointly funded by the Federal and Provincial governments. The information contained in this booklet is NOT a complete inventory of the provincial assistance programs as programs for individual or non - governmental organizations have been specifically excluded. The primary purpose of this publication is for reference only with more detailed information to be obtained from the contact person listed on each program.

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ALBERTA ADVANCED EDUCATION
and MANPOWER

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ELEMENT

SUMMER TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (S.T.E.P.)

OBJECTIVES -- To provide temporary employment opportunities for Alberta youth on project activities during the summer months.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to the municipal governments of cities, towns, villages, summer villages, municipal districts and counties.

DESCRIPTION -- This program operates on a year-by-year basis and may or may not operate each summer. However, as the program is implemented the municipal authorities may submit proposals to Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower. Upon approval of the project the municipality hires the youth required to carry out the project activities and pays them directly. The municipal authority may subsequently submit a reimbursement claim to recover wages paid, within the limits of the program.

FINANCING -- Funding is usually provided through a special warrant process. The funding provided is allocated on an equitable basis to all 15 census divisions within Alberta. Normal process is an announcement letter sent directly to each municipal government.

	1978	1979	1980
PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALLOCATION	$1,074,000	$1,400,000	$1,800,000

TIME FRAME -- This program cannot be considered to be an ongoing program. For this reason deadline dates for applications are provided in the letter inviting municipal government participation.

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ALBERTA
AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES BOARD PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist rural municipalities in providing those agricultural services and programs for the farming public that are cost-prohibitive or difficult to supply. This includes demonstrations and introductions of farm practices.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta rural municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Each board prepares a tentative plan outlining proposed activities in concert with department officials and subject to annual guidelines. The four major section areas are:

1) Engineering and Rural Services - in projects of administration, Advisory committees, training.
2) Animal Industry projects - in areas of livestock improvement and protection.
3) Plant Industry projects - in area of weeds, field crops, crop protection, soils, horticulture.
4) Extension, Home Economics and 4H - in projects of agriculture and home making.

FINANCING -- payments are made through Agriculture Service Board grant claims, based on the previously approved plan.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$2,700,000	$3,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the provincial government, the authority provided by the Agricultural Service Board Act.

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AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES CAPITAL GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide agricultural services to the rural community.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all chartered Agricultural Societies within the Province who have not received this grant before.

DESCRIPTION -- This is a one-time grant that must be used for capital purposes such as construction of an arena or community hall, or to facilitate any programs of the Agricultural Society. The grant may also be used to retire any outstanding Agricultural Society capital debt. Application forms can be obtained from Alberta Agriculture.*

FINANCING -- There are two capital grants available, depending upon the category of fair that the Agricultural Society operates:

CLASS A - A basic grant of $100 per capita for the first 50,000 population plus $5 per capita to a combined maximum of 500,000 population. The population requirement is based on the City closest to the Recreation complex.

CLASS B,C&D - The amount of the grant or aggregate of grants shall not exceed $75,000. Disbursement does not have to be done all at one time, however, no grant shall exceed 2/3 of the total cost of any capital project. The other 1/3 of the cost must be raised by the Agricultural Society.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in 1972. It has no known termination date.

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*Agricultural Societies within a municipality may also be able to apply either by themselves or in conjunction with the local municipal government for the Major Cultural/Recreational Facility Development Program described on page 59 of this publication.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES OPERATING GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To alleviate part of the operating costs incurred by Agricultural Societies operating multi-purpose facilities.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to those Agricultural Societies that are actively operating their own recreational facilities. Furthermore, Agricultural Societies currently receiving Alberta Recreation and Parks Project Co-operation Grant are not eligible for this Grant.

DESCRIPTION -- This is an annual grant which will pay a portion of the operating costs incurred by Agricultural Societies operating multi-purpose facilities. Application forms can be obtained from Alberta Agriculture.

FINANCING -- There are two operating grants available, depending upon the category of fair that the Agricultural Society runs:

Class A and B - a basic grant of $3,000 for the first day of an approved fair or exhibition, $2,000 is paid for each additional day of approved activities to a maximum of $100,000 for Class A fairs and $50,000 for Class B fairs.

Class C and D - during the calendar year, 50% of the cost of insurance and utilities up to a maximum of $5,000 will be eligible for assistance under this program.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented on April 1, 1979.

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BACTERIAL RING ROT CONTROL POLICY

OBJECTIVES -- To control the pest bacterial ring rot in potatoes.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to all Alberta rural municipalities growing potatoes that are infected with bacterial ring rot.

DESCRIPTION -- Bacterial ring rot is a pest by authority of The Agricultural Pests Act which must be controlled and eradicated. To help defray the costs of the control program, each co-operating municipality upon application, will be paid an annual grant by the Department, based on the number of growers and acreage under permit, as follows:

1) $25.00 for each grower with a planting permit;

2) plus $0.50 per acre of potatoes grown under permit.

FINANCING -- A grant of $25.00 per potato grower plus $0.50 per acre of potatoes.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was originally implemented in 1966.

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RAT CONTROL

OBJECTIVES -- To maintain Alberta as a rat-free Province.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to those municipalities that are on the Saskatchewan-Alberta border.

DESCRIPTION -- The Department will reimburse 100% of the salary and travel expenses of Pest Control Officers. The exception is I.D. 18 (Bonnyville) since the Pest Control Officer divides his time between rat and rabies control. The Department will provide rat bait and related control measures, research and development, training courses, publications, publicity, general assistance and supervision out of provincial funds.

FINANCING -- Province funds 100% of the cost.

	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$130,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program that has been in effect since 1975.

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SEED CLEANING PLANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assure clean seed grain for farmers within a municipality, the Department of Agriculture will, by agreement with the rural municipality or rural district, as provided in the Agricultural Service Boards Act, assist financially in the construction, replacement or rebuilding of one or more centrally located seed cleaning plants within a district.

ELIGIBILITY -- This Program is available to all Alberta rural municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- The Department of Agriculture may accept or reject any application by the municipality for assistance in construction, replacement or rebuilding of a seed plant. An Agricultural Service Board must be formed within the District or Districts, and be in operation to the satisfaction of the Department of Agriculture. One or more municipalities may subscribe to the construction, replacement or rebuilding of a plant, provided the location of the plant will serve farmers from each area. One or more municipalities must provide financial assistance equal to the contribution of the Department of Agriculture.

FINANCING -- The Department of Agriculture will pay one-third of the total cost which must be matched by the municipality and farmers within the municipality.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$350,000	$350,000	$350,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government, that has no known termination date.

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SOIL CONSERVATION AREA PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To prevent and control erosion and saline soil development, to demonstrate and assess the use of lime on acid soils to increase productivity, and to demonstrate and assess the effect of deep plowing of solonetzic soils.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta rural municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Suggested Projects:

(1) SOIL CONSERVATION

Purpose: The prevention and control of erosion and saline (alkali) soil development.

Method: Cost sharing for expenditures incurred in all phases of a program with the above purpose is eligible. This includes cost of surveys, waterway construction, forage seed, etc. Where the provincial share of the soil conservation program exceeds $2,000.00 the Board may request special funds under SCAP (Soil Conservation Area Program) up to a maximum of $30,000.00 in grant money. SCAP funds are limited however, and regular Agricultural Service Board funds should be used where possible. For approval of a SCAP project, documentation of the problem and an outline of the proposed remedial measures is required.
N.B. Drainage projects specifically for erosion control or saline soil reclamation are not eligible under this program. The Department of Environment conducts programs for drainage of sloughs and other major drainage work. All drainage work requires licensing by Alberta Environment.

(2) LIMING ACID SOILS

Purpose: To demonstrate and assess the use of lime on acid soils to increase productivity.

Method: Cost sharing of $20.00 per ton to a maximum of $200.00 per farmer. Soil tests are required prior to lime application. Spreaders can be arranged through Regional Plan Industry Supervisors or Soils Branch personnel.

(3) SOLONETZIC SOIL RECLAMATION PROGRAM

Purpose: To demonstrate and assess the effect of deep plowing (20" - 25") of solonetzic soils.

Method: Cost sharing on the purchase of one reclamation plow approved by the Soils Branch personnel. Cost sharing on the cost of plowing demonstration sites - a maximum of 10 acres per farm per year. Meetings with interested farmers should be held prior to the summer program and site inspections by Soils Branch Personnel are necessary. For those municipalities who do not wish to purchase a plow initially, arrangements for use of the department plow may be made. Participating farmers are expected to provide information on the results for a period of years after plowing.

FINANCING -- Payments made through Agricultural Service Board grant claim.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$252,000	$400,320	$400,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government, that has no known termination date.

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CULTURE

ALBERTA 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMISSION
PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide municipalities with funds for projects of a local scope or nature, which recognize and celebrate the Province of Alberta's 75th Anniversary.

ELIGIBILITY -- All Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION

- a substantial portion of the funds should provide a lasting benefit
- funds should be utilized in 1980
- funds may be used with or without matching dollars for worthwhile projects, including projects assisted by other Provincial grants
- no funds are to be used for purely municipal purposes
- operating costs as a result of projects are the municipalities responsibility
- all projects must be given recognition as a 75th Anniversary project
- all municipalities are expected to have an appropriate celebration to recognize our 75th Anniversary and the History of Alberta.

FINANCING -- A $20 per capita grant has been forwarded to all Alberta municipalities.

	1980
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$40,972,300

TIME FRAME - This is a ONCE ONLY program for 1980.

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CEMETERY RESTORATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to assist in the restoration of inactive cemeteries, and individual graves belonging to those people who made significant contributions to the immediate locality, to the general district, or to the Province of Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by:

a) a municipality located in Alberta, including a city, town, village, hamlet, summer village, new town, county, municipal district, improvement district, a school district in a national park or a special area,

b) an organization incorporated under The Societies Act, part 9 of The Companies Act, or if incorporated as a charitable organization, under a special Act of the Legislature.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant is available for financing, landscaping, levelling grave depressions, erecting commemorative plaques and cairns, and providing information concerning unmarked graves. Grants may not be used for the general upgrading and maintenance of cemeteries where burials are taking place.

FINANCING -- The grant is available in the amount of 50% of total project costs, exclusive of federal or other provincial contributions, to a maximum of $2,000.00. Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis to the limit of funds appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year.

Generally, the grant will be available as follows:

a) 50% of the estimated total grant at the outset of the project, and

b) the balance of 50% of the actual total grant at the completion of project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET	80,000	80,000

TIME FRAME -- This is a recently implemented program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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HISTORICAL PUBLICATION GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the printing or reprinting of a specified historical publication which deals with an aspect of Alberta's natural or human resources.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- 1. For grant purposes, editorial work may include the following tasks:

- editing (re-writing, cutting, arranging, re-arranging)
- indexing (general, photographic, subject)
- arrangement of pre-selected pictures and articles
- proof-reading final manuscript and printer's proofs
- travel costs incurred on trips to the printers for editorial consultation.

2. Other costs incurred by the organization in the production and compiling of the publication would not qualify in calculating the amount of the grant. Statistical information on the production and sale of the publication will be provided.

FINANCING -- The grant is available in the amount of 10% of the printing costs and 50% of fees paid by the applicant for editorial services, to a maximum of $5,000.00. 50% of the eligible total grant may be applied for upon receipt of printing estimates and will be based on 10% of the printer's estimates, plus 50% of the estimated fee to be paid by the applicant for editorial services performed by a suitable qualified person(s). The balance of the eligible total grant is available upon receipt of both the printer's final invoice and the final statement of editorial fees paid. The final grant payment will then be adjusted accordingly.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET	32,000	30,000	50,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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LIBRARY GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide Library services to all regions of Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- The Minister may make the following Grants:

1. Annual Grants to public libraries.

2. Establishment grants payable when a regional library is organized, or when a municipality, school division or school district enters into an agreement pursuant to section 35 of The Library Act.

3. Special grants to persons or libraries to provide special library services or to meet special needs or emergencies or for such other projects that are, in the opinion of the Minister, important for the development of public library services in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- An application for an annual grant shall be submitted on or before the 31st day of August the year in which the grant is to be paid. It must be accompanied by an audited financial statement of the operation of the library during preceding fiscal year. In the case of a municipal or regional library, a copy of the budget for the year in which the grants to be paid must accompany the application. No community, municipal or regional library is eligible for a grant under these regulations unless it has complied with the library's regulation, filed as Alberta Regulation 117-71.

FINANCING --

1. Annual grants.

   (a) to a municipal or regional library whose appropriation is $885 or less, shall be $885;

   (b) to a community library whose previous year's expenditure was $590 or less, shall be $590;

   (c) to a municipal library that has an appropriation of more than $885, be $3 per capita if the local appropriation is at least

      (i) in 1980, $0.50 per capita,
      (ii) in 1981, $1.25 per capita, or
      (iii) in 1982, $2 per capita;

   (d) to a community library that had an expenditure during the previous year of more than $590

      (i) be $3 per capita or $590 whichever is the greater in each of the years 1980 and 1981, and

(ii) be equal to 1.5 times the expenditure up to a maximum of $3 per capita in 1982;

(e) to a regional library board be $2 per capita where the local appropriation is at least $1 per capita;

(f) to a municipality that is a party to an agreement respecting a regional library and has an appropriation of more than $1 per capita to the regional library be $3 per capita if the local appropriation is at least

(i) in 1980, $0.75 per capita,
(ii) in 1981, $1.50 per capita, or
(iii) in 1982, $2 per capita.

2. Establishment grants

(a) when a regional library is organized, shall be $8.00 per capita, or

(b) when a municipality, school division or school district enters a regional library system by entering into an agreement pursuant to section 35 of the Act, shall be $8.00 per capita.

3. Special grants

The amount of a special grant made under these regulations shall be determined by the Minister.

	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$2,574,038	$2,398,000	$2,842,109

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in 1912. There is no known termination date.

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LOCAL HISTORIC RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the restoration, preservation, protection and/or commemoration of a site or building which is primarily of local historic interest, where such a site or building has been approved by the Minister as having importance and interest in relation to the history of the municipality or locality.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants are available to a municipal authority of any organization that is incorporated in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant may be used for:

a) obtaining initial professional advice, cost estimates and the preparation of plans directly associated with the preservation of a local historic site,

b) any work to restore, preserve and/or protect the original structural features,

c) the purchase, installation, repair or improvement of the electrical, mechanical, heating and plumbing systems where, in the opinion of the Minister, such work will not detract from the historical value of the site and is essential to the preservation of the site,

d) the salvage, restoration or repair of furnishings, decorative and functional fixtures, equipment and artifacts, integral to the preservation of the site,

e) work to develop the grounds of a Local Historic Site where, in the opinion of the Minister, such development is necessary for the restoration or protection of the site, and where this will not detract from the historical value of the site,

f) the design, construction and installation of an interpretive or commemorative plaque, cairn, sign or marker,

g) the purchase or relocation of a site or building where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Minister that such a purchase was the best means of saving the site from damage or destruction.

FINANCING -- The Local Historic Site grant is available in an amount up to 50% of:

a) funds actually spent on the project from non-provincial and non-federal government sources, and
b) contributions of materials and labour, up to a maximum of 50% of funds actually spent; to a maximum of $5,000.00

Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis to the limit of funds appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year for this program. Municipalities and other organizations will be limited to one project grant per year. Any single project or site will be funded normally only once. Generally, the grant will be available as follows:

a) 50% of the estimated total grant at the outset of the project, and

b) the balance of 50% of the actual total grant at the completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET	39,000	25,000	25,000

TIME FRAME -- This is a recent program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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MUSEUM GRANTS

OBJECTIVES -- To assist in defraying the administrative and operating costs of non-private or non-commercial local museums in Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants are available to a municipality, or society, including churches, charitable organizations and foundations for the purpose of operating a museum, art gallery, zoo, planetarium, conservatory, aquarium or historic house or heritage village in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- Museum operated by municipalities must meet certain conditions of liability before the municipality is eligible to receive a grant.

FINANCING --

a) Basic (Annual) Grant - All eligible museums will receive a basic grant of $200 plus one of the following supplementary grants.

b) Supplementary (Annual) Grant - Each museum will be considered for a grant under one of the following groups:

GROUP A - Museums which employ at least one suitably qualified full time curator, and are located in a city or town of 15,000 or more population, beyond a radius of 30 miles from Edmonton and Calgary. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $12,000.

GROUP B - Museums which employ at least one suitably qualified full time curator, and have recorded a fully authenticated attendance of over 50,000 in the previous fiscal year. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $12,000.

GROUP C - Museums which are designated by the Minister as having special significance in the preservation of Alberta's heritage, and which employ at least one suitable qualified full-time curator. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $12,000.

GROUP D - Museums not qualifying under Group A. B, or C. Funds raised locally in the previous fiscal year are matched by the Provincial Government up to a maximum of $5,000.

	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET	383,000	383,000

TIME FRAME -- Applications must be received by March 15th for any government fiscal year. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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PROVINCIAL HISTORIC SITE GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the restoration, preservation and/or protection of a site or building which has been officially designated by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as a Classified Historic Site.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by the owner of the designated Classified Historic Site.

DESCRIPTION -- This grant may be used for:

a) obtaining initial professional advice, cost estimates and the preparation of plans directly associated with the preservation of a Classified Historic Site;

b) any work to restore, preserve and/or protect the original structural features;

c) the purchase, installation, repair or improvement of the electrical, mechanical, heating and plumbing systems where, in the opinion of the Minister such work will not detract from the historical value of the site and is essential to the preservation of the site:

d) the salvage, restoration or repair of furnishings, decorative and functional fixtures, equipment and artifacts, integral to the preservation of the site;

e) work to develop the grounds of a Classified Historic Site where in the opinion of the Minister such development is necessary for the restoration or protection of the site and where this will not detract from the historical value of the site;

f) the design, construction and installation of an interpretative or commemorative plaque, cairn, sign or marker.

FINANCING -- a) Basic Grant

A basic grant may be applied for in the amount of 50% of the total assessed property taxes to a maximum of $1,000.00. The application for such a grant must be accompanied by a copy of the official tax notice and a copy of the receipt for payment.

b) Supplementary Grant

A grant may be applied for in the amount of 50% of:

i) the amount accepted by the Minister as the total cost of a project, and
ii) where contributions of materials and labour have been made or pledged towards the projects, 50% of the value of such contributions up to maximum of 25% of the total project costs; to a maximum of $15,000.00 per year or $75,000.00 over a five-year period.

	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET	417,000	417,000

TIME FRAME -- Applications must be received by March 1st of any government fiscal year. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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PROVINCIAL INVENTORY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to assist in the compilation of an inventory of historic site resources within a specified area in conjunction with the Provincial Inventory Program.

ELIGIBILITY --

Grants may be applied for by:

a. a municipality located in Alberta, including a city, town, village, hamlet, summer village, new town, county, municipal district, improvement district, a school district in a national park, special area,

b. a regional planning commission as established under the Planning Act of Alberta, or

c. any organization that is incorporated in Alberta under the Societies Act, Part 9 of the Companies Act or a special Act of the Legislature.

DESCRIPTION --

a. To hire staff to inventory, document and evaluate the historic site resources within a specified area.

b. Upon the recommendation of the Historic Sites Service, to purchase essential photographic equipment to properly record historic sites.

c. To purchase film and pay for processing and duplication of photographs.

d. To cover other related costs such as travel, materials and supplies, and the rental of office space and equipment.

FINANCING -- The grant is available in the amount of 50% of the project costs, exclusive of other provincial and federal contributions, to a maximum of $5,000.00. Grants are available on the basis of one grant per eligible agency per year under Schedule F of Alberta Regulation 111/78, and may not exceed $5,000.00 in any one fiscal year period.

Grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis to the limit of funds appropriated by the Legislature in any one fiscal year.

Generally the grant will be available as follows:

a. 50% of the estimated total grant at the outset of the project, and

b. the balance of 50% of the actual total grant at the completion of the project, to the Minister's satisfaction.

	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET	15,000	15,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program that has recently been implemented by the Provincial Government. It has no known termination date.

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REGISTERED HISTORIC RESOURCE GRANT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- A grant to aid in the restoration, preservation and/or protection of a site or building which has been officially designated by the Minister as a Registered Historic Site.

ELIGIBILITY -- Grants may be applied for by the owner of the designated Registered Historic Site.

DESCRIPTION --

a) for obtaining initial professional advice, cost estimates and the preparation of plans directly associated with the preservation of a Registered Historic Site,

b) for any work to restore, preserve and/or protect the original structural features,

c) for the purchase, installation, repair or improvement of the electrical, mechanical, heating and plumbing systems where, in the opinion of the Minister, such work will not detract from the historical value of the site and is essential to the preservation of the site,

d) for the salvage, restoration or repair of furnishing, decorative and functional fixtures, equipment and artifacts, integral to the preservation of the site,

e) for work to develop the grounds of a Registered Historic Site where in the opinion of the Minister such development is necessary for the restoration or protection of the site and where this will not detract from the historical value of the site,

f) for the design, construction and installation of an interpretive or commemorative plaque, cairn, sign or marker.

FINANCING -- A grant may be applied for in the amount of:

a) 50% of the amount accepted by the Minister as the total cost of a project, and

b) where contributions of material and labour have been made or pledged towards the project, 50% of the value of such contributions, up to a maximum of 25% of the total project costs;

to a maximum of $5,000.00 per year or $25,000.00 over a five-year period.

Responsibility for regular maintenance and the acquisition of new furnishings for the site shall be assumed by the applicant.

	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET	208,500	208,500

TIME FRAME -- Applications must be made by March 1st. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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ALBERTA DISASTER SERVICES

COST-SHARED EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in improving their state of emergency preparedness by the procurement of special items of public safety equipment.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Any municipality may make a proposal to Alberta Disaster Services for cost-sharing in the purchase of equipment, providing the municipality meets the following requirements:

- it has passed a Disaster Services By-law
- it has appointed a Disaster Services Committee
- it has appointed a Director of Municipal Disaster Services
- it agrees to follow an emergency preparedness program developed in collaboration with the Alberta Disaster Services Agency.

Public safety equipment that may be eligible includes any item of equipment that will improve the emergency response capability of the municipality and is not readily available locally from private, commercial or public resources. It does NOT include the following items:

- self-propelled equipment, such as fire pumpers or ambulances;
- equipment that can be considered a normal requirement of the municipality;
- any item for which financial assistance is available under another government program;
- equipment purchased prior to the introduction of this program.

FINANCING -- The program provides for cost-sharing of agreed proposals, on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis, with the Provincial portion not to exceed $2,500 on any one proposal.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$100,000	$100,000

TIME FRAME - This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented on April 1, 1979.

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO MUNICIPALITIES

OBJECTIVES -- To provide funds to assist in the operation of municipal disaster services agencies.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- A municipality may make application to Alberta Disaster Services for an accountable grant under this program, providing the municipality meets the following prerequisites:

- it has passed a Disaster Services By-law
- it has appointed a Disaster Services Committee
- it has appointed a Disaster Services Director
- it has agreed, under the Accountable Grant Agreement, to follow a program developed jointly by the municipality and Alberta Disaster Services.

Funds provided by this program may only be used by the municipality for the following specific purposes:

- disaster services administration
- resource surveys
- planning
- training
- emergency preparedness exercises
- special civil emergency planning projects/programs that have been approved by Alberta Disaster Services.

FINANCING -- The funds available for grants are allocated on the basis of population. The latest population figures submitted to Alberta Municipal Affairs are used in the calculation of the grants.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$203,500	$215,000	$215,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government which, in its present format, was implemented on April 1, 1976. Applications for inclusion in this program must be submitted by January 31st of the grant year.

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ALBERTA
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

RAIL RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

* This program was recently transferred from Alberta Transportation.

OBJECTIVES -- 1. To assist cities in evaluating urban development and transportation development benefits available from the relocation of railway facilities.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the 11 incorporated cities in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- The Rail Relocation Assistance Program will assist cities wishing to undertake rail relocation studies in the following manner:

(1) When a realizable and quantifiable benefit to the urban development objectives of a community can be achieved through the release of lands presently occupied by railway operations. The potential value of released lands must make a substantial contribution to the cost of any relocation project.

(2) Where existing railway operations or lands occupied by a railway operation create a significant barrier to an urban transportation system's effectiveness or the improvement thereof.

(3) Where, in the view of the affected railway, the relocation of operations is feasible in light of system-wide demands.

Where a city has carried out a rail relocation study under this program, or participated in a joint federal/provincial relocation study prior to 1978, and met the conditions required of a rail relocation study, the Province will provide, on a project-by-project basis:

(4) A Provincial evaluation process to determine net costs and benefits of the proposed rail relocation project. This process will examine cost recovery possibilities, potential cost savings through facilities otherwise required, and long-term development impact on the community.

(5) A negotiation process to assess the impact of the proposed project on the railway and to obtain the concurrence of the railway to cost-sharing.

FINANCING -- If the proposed project is deemed to be viable by this evaluation process, the Province may provide:

(1) front-end financing with the possibility of low- or forgiveable-interest loans to cities in order to provide for the banking of lands vacated by the railway. Such front-end financing is subject

to the preparation and guarantee of suitable land use plan by the city.

(2) Direct financial contributions to the net cost of rail relocation where the value of urban land recovered is insufficient to cover the cost of the project but where significant potential urban transportation cost savings and urban development benefits exist. The amount and terms of assistance will be dependent upon the benefits and net costs of the project.

Any actions proposed by Alberta Economic Development as a result of the evaluation process will require Ministerial approval on a project-by-project basis.

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ALBERTA
EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Numerous School Grants are available from Alberta Education that apply to all "school areas". This includes school districts, school divisions or counties, or a city or town having merged administration under the Municipal and School Administration Act. These grants are made possible through Regulations under The Department of Education Act.

These regulations do not apply to:

(a) boards of school districts established to educate pupils or children whose parents are employees of the Government of Canada, and

(b) pupils or children whose parents reside in a school district described in clause (a) but who attend a school of another board.

There are, however, NO Alberta Education grants for which municipalities can directly make application. The only Alberta Education grants available must be applied for by the Board responsible for school administration.

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ALBERTA
ENVIRONMENT

BITING FLY CONTROL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipal governments in initiating and/or improving Biting Fly Control Programs.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all municipal districts, who as a collective group, feel that their municipality has a serious biting fly infestation.

DESCRIPTION -- To be eligible for such grants, municipalities must submit an application for assistance to the Department of the Environment prior to the commencement of their control programmes, outlining proposed cost and methods of control. These proposals must be acceptable to the Department. Should conditions warrant that a control programme receive any additional funds, such funds may be granted pending approval by the Minister of the Environment. Approved control programmes will be subject to inspection. An annual report, including complete financial records, must be submitted by each municipality to the Department at the end of the control programme in order to receive financial assistance. A licensed pesticide applicator must supervise each abatement program.

FINANCING -- Approved mosquito abatement programmes will be funded in the following manner:

(a) Municipalities whose population is less than 10,000 will be limited to $3.00 per capita for eligible expenses.

(b) Municipalities whose population is greater than 10,000 and less than 100,000 will be limited to $2.00 per capita for eligible expenses.

(c) Municipalities whose population is greater than 100,000 will be limited to $1.00 per capita for eligible expenses.

Expenses which are considered eligible include:

(a) 60% of all operating and equipment cost.

(b) 40% of the chemical purchase cost.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$535,000	$550,000	$520,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented in 1974 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. There is no known termination date.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM-MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in financing eligible sewerage, water supply and storm sewerage projects.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all municipalities in the Province.

DESCRIPTION -- The following types of projects are eligible for a federal grant contribution under the Community Services Program:

- Construction or expansion of facilities for treatment and disposal of sanitary sewage.
- Construction of sanitary trunk collector sewers.
- Construction of storm sewers which encourage comprehensive land use and residential development in previously undeveloped areas.
- Construction or expansion of a water supply project which encourages comprehensive land use and residential development in previously undeveloped areas.
- Development of regional sewerage/water plans.

The following project costs are eligible for a federal grant contribution under the Program:

(i) Construction

- Cost of construction for eligible projects as per plans and specifications.

(ii) Land

- Cost of land for treatment plants and pumping stations at agreed valuation.
- Cost of land to be used for wastewater application.
- Cost of land for flow-through ponds or reservoirs which are a component of an unconventional storm water collection system.
- Carrying charges on land bought more than one year prior to the application.

(iii) Other

- Design and supervision, legal services, interim financing during the construction period, and additional costs as approved by Alberta Environment.

FINANCING -- The Federal Government through Alberta Environment will finance up to 1/6 of the total eligible cost of a project.

	1979/80	1980/81
BUDGET ALLOCATION	$6,650,000	$12,700,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on January 1, 1979 and will expire on December 31, 1980. Applications for the second year of the program have been received and the monies allocated.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WATER MANAGEMENT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide assistance to local authorities for the enhancement and regional development of the province's water resources and to provide corrective measures where water in its natural state creates conditions adverse to the public interest.

ELIGIBILITY -- This Program is available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- The project must be initiated by a local authority, and a need for such a project must be established. The project must be in the public interest and provide benefits to the general public or protect public investment. Detailed project planning and consideration of all aspects of water resource and environmental management must precede implementation. The local authority initiating the project must accept the responsibility for operations and maintenance costs.

Agreements are entered into between the Minister of Environment (under The Water Resources Act) and the local authorities. The project must fit within the budgetary priority for water management established by the Government.

FINANCING -- Payment is usually on a 50-50 basis, however this may vary depending on the type of project and the amount of public benefit derived. The local authority receives payment upon submission of an itemized account of expenditures, which can be substantiated by documents at the local authorities office.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$2,000,000	$2,300,000	$2,618,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in October 1972.

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ALBERTA MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE TREATMENT GRANT PROGRAM

(This program replaced the Alberta Municipal Sewage Treatment Assistance Program and the Alberta Municipal Water Works Assistance Program on April 1, 1979).

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in the capital cost of installing modern and adequate facilities for water supply and water treatment.

ELIGIBILITY -- Cities, towns, villages, hamlets, summer villages, improvement districts, special areas and other administrative bodies established under the Municipal Government Act are eligible for assistance from this new program. In addition, the Minister may require that the appropriate municipal grants be directed to a regional authority where it has been demonstrated that the implementation of a regional water and/or sewage scheme is the most cost effective and environmentally sound proposal. Co-operatives are not eligible to use this program and should refer their situation to the County, M.D. or I.D. in which they operate.

DESCRIPTION -- Municipalities eligible for assistance will be considered in two categories: First, those who are upgrading or replacing their present supply and treatment facilities, and secondly, those who are installing new public waterworks and/or sewage systems where previously there were none.

Existing Facilities (Sewage):

In an existing sewage system, the following components can be claimed for financial assistance:

a) A trunk sewer from the end of the collection system to the sewage treatment facility;
b) A sewage treatment facility; and
c) An outfall from the sewage treatment facility to the point of final discharge.

Existing Facilities (Waterworks):

In an existing waterworks system the following components can be claimed for financial assistance:

a) A raw water intake and supply line; including wells;
b) A water treatment facility;
c) A water storage facility; and
d) A water transmission line, from the treatment plant and/or storage, up to the distribution system.

New Facilities:

Components acceptable for assistance in a new system include those listed above for an existing system and, in addition, a sewage collection and/or waterworks distribution system, up to, but not including, the individual connnection at the property line.

NOTE: Alberta Environment will not approve nor enter into a cost sharing agreement with a municipality for a water supply project unless adequate *sewage facilities* exist or are being constructed on a concurrent basis.

FINANCING -- The formula developed for the program is based on the construction costs of eligible water and/or sewage projects, and will have separate qualifying levels of $200 per capita for each element. That is, a municipality must incur an expenditure of $200 per capita on water supply works to become eligible for a water supply grant. Likewise a municipality must incur an expenditure of $200 per capita on sewage treatment works to become eligible for grant assistance.

Effective April 1, 1979, the Alberta Municipal Water Supply and Sewage Treatment Grant Program becomes the only assistance program which provides grants for both water supply and sewage treatment projects. In order to provide more flexibility, a combined upper limit of assistance has been established, rather than maintaining separate upper limits for the water and sewage elements. Therefore the costs of eligible water and sewage projects are added together in order to determine if a municipality has exceeded the upper limit of assistance.

A municipality which is *upgrading or replacing an existing facility* will be responsible for the qualifying amount of $200 per capita for each element. For that portion of the capital cost exceeding $200 per capita the Province will provide a grant of 90% of the cost between $200.00 and $2000.00 per capita. Therefore, the municipality will be responsible for $200.00 per capita plus 10% of the balance. Should the project costs exceed a combined upper limit of $2000.00 per capita, the municipality will be responsible for these high costs.

The qualifying amount for *new waterworks and/or sewage systems* will be $200.00 per capita, however, the combined upper limit of assistance will be $2200.00 per capita. If a municipality builds a water supply project it must provide the first $200 per capita, and a $200 per capita if building a sewage treatment plant. The municipality therefore will be responsible for $200.00 per capita plus 10% of the balance of each element. Should the project costs exceed $2200.00 per capita the excessive cost would be the responsibility of the municipality.

This new assistance program applies to eligible projects, approved by Alberta Environment, that are completed after the announcement date and have not been assisted through a prior debenture shielding agreement. The grants are applicable toward capital costs of projects (net

of Federal government grant assistance) whether debentured or not. Where debentures have been, or are to be, used to finance an eligible project, prior approval must be obtained from the Local Authorities Board. Capital costs incurred for treatment facilities completed before the announcement date will not be taken into account in the new assistance calculations.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$17,800,000	$22,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This assistance program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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OIL RECYCLING GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To stop the unnecessary dumping of waste lubrication oil as it is a potential hazard to the environment.

ELIGIBILITY -- All municipalities in Alberta are eligible to receive a grant. However, preference will be given to proposals serving a number of municipalities or those serving a population greater than 5,000.

DESCRIPTION -- In the interests of conserving petroleum resources and reducing environmental damage from the dumping of lubricating oils, this grant will enable Alberta municipalities to install underground tanks to store oil collected for recycling.

FINANCING -- This program is funded 100% by the Provincial Government but only includes the capital acquisition costs necessary for the purchase of oil storage tanks.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET: Funds are set aside each fiscal year for this and other recycling programs. There is no budgeted amount for this program, only a ceiling on the total expenditure.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program that was implemented in 1976. Applications can be made at any time during the year.

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RECLAMATION PROGRAM FOR DERELICT LAND

OBJECTIVES -- To reclaim land that has been left idle since disturbance to some form of improved land use or improved aesthetics.

ELIGIBILITY -- The land in question must be owned by a public body or must be purchased by a public body.

DESCRIPTION -- Abandoned sites considered to be eligible includes:

1. Coal Mines or quarries.
2. Gravel pits.
3. Garbage dumps and sewage lagoons.
4. Refinery sites or other mineral processing plants.
5. Industrial sites.
6. Irrigation canals or man-made water reservoirs.

It should be clear, of course, that the intent of the reclamation fund is to improve sites that were disturbed prior to legislation and the rise of public concern over environmental problems. Recently abandoned sites will be carefully reviewed by Department staff prior to acceptance as reclamation projects.

NOTE - ALL THE ABOVE MENTIONED ELIGIBLE SITES MUST BE MUNICIPALLY OWNED LAND.

SOME COMMONLY SUBMITTED PROPOSALS WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM ARE:

1. Natural or water filled low lying areas.
2. Agricultural operations.
3. Forestry operations.
4. Removal of car body stockpiles.
5. Picking up of scattered debris.
6. Erosion control resulting from agricultural and forestry operations, and municipal or provincial projects including road building and bridge construction.

FINANCING -- Municipalities cover costs and are reimbursed using an itemized account system. Partial payments may be made but final payment is subject to the proper completion of project. All transactions and payments are made directly between the municipality concerned and the Environmental Co-ordination Services of Alberta Environment.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$2,500,000	5,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date. Applications by municipalities can be made at any time during the year.

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ALBERTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To promote environmentally sound solid waste management throughout the Province.

ELIGIBILITY -- Primarily available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- The Province will provide land for regional sanitary sites or other necessary land for waste management. However, preference will be given to those landfill sites involving two or more urban municipalities plus a rural municipality.

FINANCING -- The Province will pay 100% of the purchase price of the land. It will then be converted to Crown Land and leased to the municipality. Also includes 100% of capital costs up to the annual budget amount.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$1,600,000	1,700,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in December 1975.

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ALBERTA HOUSING and PUBLIC WORKS

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM - NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMPONENT

OBJECTIVES -- To improve some of the physical aspects of a municipality's environment that need rehabilitation or replacement. The focus of the grants is to improve potentially viable residential neighbourhoods or communities that are in need of such assistance.

ELIGIBILITY -- The program is available to all municipalities in Alberta. Eligible areas will be restricted to those which are predominately residential, have a substantial portion of houses in need of rehabilitation, have deficiencies in local amenities and facilities such as playgrounds and community centres, etc., be judged to remain stable and viable residential areas in future without excessive amounts of assistance, and be occupied predominately by low and middle income people.

DESCRIPTION -- The maximum population of any designated neighbourhood/community is 6000. Smaller municipalities may consider the whole municipality as a community designation or focus on a smaller area which can most benefit from the improvement. Physical boundaries, development boundaries, community league boundaries or other traditional designations of neighbourhood identification are required.

Eligible projects include: provision of open space and community facilities on a neighbourhood scale, upgrading local services within the neighbourhood where these are deficient, non-profit housing projects (the municipal equity) and various other neighbourhood or small town scale improvements.

FINANCING -- Alberta Housing and Public Works will provide a grant equal to 25% of approved capital costs and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation will provide a grant equal to 50% of approved capital costs of the project. The remaining 25% must be funded by the municipality. Grants will be provided on the basis of project approval, up to a combined Federal/Provincial maximum of $150 per capita for communities or neighbourhoods of up to 6000 population.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$2,000,000	$8,000,000

TIME FRAME -- The Community Services Program spans two program years. The application deadline for the 1979 program year was June 20, 1979. The application deadline for the 1980 program year was November 1, 1979.

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GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in meeting their financial commitments.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all cities, towns, villages, counties, municipal districts, improvement districts, special areas and school districts situated within a national park.

DESCRIPTION -- Any municipality within which Crown property is situated may apply each year to the Provincial Treasurer for a grant in lieu of taxes in respect of that property. The assessor shall prepare a valuation of all affected lands and improvements within the municipality subject to the guidelines of the Municipal and Provincial Properties Valuation Act. The amount of the grant will not exceed the amount that would be recoverable by the municipality if the Crown property within the municipality was subject to the municipal tax for that year. A municipality is not automatically entitled by right to this grant.

FINANCING -- The taxes payable are based on an assessed nature of the property times the mill rate levied for the tax year and are paid upon receipt of a tax notice from the municipality.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET There is no financial information available for this program.

TIME FRAME -- This is a continuing program that has no known termination date.

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LODGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- The purpose of the Lodge Assistance Program is to provide assistance to municipalities whose lodge support deficits are sufficiently high in relation to their local property tax assessment base. It is intended to ease the property tax burden of supporting senior citizen homes in the area.

ELIGIBILITY -- Any contracting municipality of the Senior Citizen Homes Foundation will be qualified for the assistance if:

(1) the municipality has contributed financial assistance to support senior citizen homes in the previous year.

(2) the senior citizen homes charges upon the municipality are sufficiently high that the charges would result in a mill rate levy greater than 2 mills on the local property tax base.

DESCRIPTION -- Any municipality applying for the Lodge Assistance grant is required to complete an application based on the municipality's documented financial situation of the previous year. Applications based on the previous year's Senior Citizens Homes requisitions can be made as soon as a municipality's audited financial statement has been prepared for the Department of Municipal Affairs.

FINANCING -- The Province will provide assistance to the extent of 50% of the amount of requisition(s) that is above the amount covered by a two mill rate. This assistance is provided in the form of a grant from Alberta Housing and Public Works, Grants Assistance Division. The amount of grant is based on actual rather than equalized assessment. Where in a few cases the mill charge is the result of requisitions from more than one Foundation, the grant is based on the sum of the requisitions.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$175,000	$350,000	$500,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was transferred from AHC on April 1, 1977 and is now an ongoing program of Housing and Public Works. It has no known termination date.

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ALBERTA MUNICIPAL HOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To help municipalities offset the costs of medium and high density housing in rapidly growing areas.

ELIGIBILITY -- To all Alberta municipalities whose housing units that year exceed a pre-determined base rate.

DESCRIPTION -- The Alberta Municipal Housing Incentive Program is designed to assist municipalities finance the costs of growth, by providing grants from $1000 to $2000 for each eligible new housing unit. The incentive will encourage the future development of affordable medium and high density housing, as well as more economic land use.

The grants are based on the rate of new housing production in comparison with previous years. Eligible housing units must meet certain density criteria, after pre-established levels of production are reached. Housing production levels are measured against the base level, which is the average annual number of building permits issued for the new dwellings over the past three years in that municipality.

FINANCING -- Grants will be awarded to the municipality in accordance with the above criteria and within the following production levels. (The production level is determined by counting the housing construction in the current year).

(1) $1,000 per qualifying unit for housing production in excess of 50% and up to and including 75% of the base level.

(2) $1,500 per qualifying unit for housing production in excess of 75% and up to and including 100% of the base level.

(3) $2,000 per qualifying unit for housing production exceeding 100% of the base level.

	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$15,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on January 1, 1980 and has no known termination date.

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ALBERTA HOUSING CORPORATION

COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM

(This Program was previously called The Public Housing Program)

OBJECTIVES -- To provide adequate rental housing for low and moderate income families unable to secure affordable conventional accommodation.

ELIGIBILITY -- The sponsor of a Community Housing Project is normally the local municipality. The need for community housing in smaller municipalities is determined by a need and demand study undertaken by the corporation. In the larger centres, assistance in determining need is provided by the Market and Economic Analysis Branch of Alberta Housing and Public Works.

DESCRIPTION -- Management and tenant selection are delegated to a local Housing Authority whose members are recommended by the local council and the Province and appointed by Provincial Ministerial Order. Priority of allocation of units to tenants depends on need as determined by income, assets, housing condition and length of time on the waiting list. The municipality applies directly to the A.H.C. The Alberta Housing Corporation reviews and researches submissions, and the A.H.C. Board approves within the framework of the annual budget.

FINANCING -- The Alberta Housing Corporation borrows 90% of the funds required from the C.M.H.C. under Section 43, N.H.A. and borrows 10% from the Provincial Government. Any operating deficits are shared 50-40-10 by C.M.H.C. - A.H.C. and the municipality in accordance with Section 44-N.H.A. Agreement.

	1979/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$45,000,000	$39,200,000	$34,500,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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THE ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL LAND PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- 1. To help municipalities provide an adequate supply of land for industrial purposes, at reasonable costs.

2. To assist regional communities in attracting suitable industries.

3. To encourage attractive regional and industrial sites and facilities.

ELIGIBILITY -- Alberta municipalities demonstrating a need and demand for industrial land.

DESCRIPTION -- This program is designed in two stages: Land Assembly and Land Development. It is intended to provide assistance to communities wishing to develop land or hold land for future industrial development. It complements the government's position that the decentralization of industry is essential to achieving a balanced economic growth within the province.

Initial application for participation in the program may be made to either A.H.C. or the Department of Tourism and Small Business. A project requires approval of the Interdepartmental Land Committee, made up of representatives from various government departments before it can be implemented as either an A.H.C. land assembly or land development program.

FINANCING --

1. Land Assembly: Alberta Housing Corporation secures and holds title to suitable lands, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) An agreement is made between the Corporation and the municipality whereby A.H.C. will hold title to the land for the municipality.

   b) At any time during the term of the agreement, the municipality may request and obtain from A.H.C. whatever portion of the bank may be necessary for development.

   c) Holding costs (i.e. survey, legal, interest, etc.) are added to the original land costs to determine the price to the municipality.

   d) Holding costs are prorated over the whole project. When any portion of the project is purchased, only the holding costs relating to that portion are paid at that time.

   e) Buy-back periods in land banks vary from one to fifteen years.

   f) Upon expiry of the agreement, all land remaining in the bank must be purchased by the municipality. Ideally, if future needs have been forecast accurately, there will be no land remaining in the bank.

2. Land Development: A.H.C. purchases and develops land under a development agreement with the municipality, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) Developed lots are sold to the public or to contractors on a fully prepaid basis (i.e. all development costs are allocated in the purchases price of each lot).

   b) Prices of the lots also reflect a prorated portion of the holding costs.

   c) As a rule, the Corporation will develop only to the prevailing servicing standard of the municipality, with certain minimum standards to be observed in any case.

   d) In all cases, the A.H.C. will be responsible for sales transactions. The municipality may be empowered to handle the initial stage of lot sales.

   e) Upon expiry of the agreement, all unsold lots must be purchased by the municipality.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$5,000,000	$5,000,000	$5,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was initiated on April 4, 1977, and is an ongoing program of the provincial government.

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RESIDENTIAL LAND ASSEMBLY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in creating land banks for future residential development, and to assist municipalities in the provision of serviced residential lots.

ELIGIBILITY -- Alberta municipalities demonstrating a need and demand for residential land.

DESCRIPTION -- This program is designed in two stages: Land Assembly and Land Development. It is intended to provide assistance to communities wishing to develop land for needed purposes or to hold land for future residential development.

FINANCING --

1. Land Assembly: Alberta Housing Corporation secures and holds title to suitable lands, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) An agreement is made between the Corporation and the municipality whereby A.H.C. will hold title to the land for the municipality.

   b) At any time during the term of the agreement, the municipality may request and obtain from A.H.C. whatever portion of the bank may be necessary for development.

   c) Holding costs (i.e. survey, legal, interest, etc.) are added to the original land costs to determine the price to the municipality.

   d) Holding costs are prorated over the whole project. When any portion of the project is purchased, only the holding costs relating to that portion are paid at that time.

   e) Buy-back periods in land banks vary from one to fifteen years.

   f) Upon expiry of the agreement, all land remaining in the bank must be purchased by the municipality. Ideally, if future needs have been forecast accurately, there will be no land remaining in the bank.

2. Land Development: A.H.C. purchases and develops land under a development agreement with the municipality, in accordance with the following guidelines:

   a) Developed lots are sold to the public or to contractors on a fully prepaid basis (i.e. all development costs are allocated in the purchase price of each lot).

b) Prices of the lots also reflect a prorated portion of the holding costs.

c) As a rule, the Corporation will develop only to the prevailing servicing standard of the municipality, with certain minimum standards to be observed in any case.

d) In all cases the A.H.C. will be responsible for sales transactions. The municipality may be empowered to handle the initial stage of lots sales.

e) Upon expiry of the agreement, all unsold lots must be purchased by the municipality.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$24,000,000	$24,000,000	$25,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1968, and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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SENIOR CITIZEN LODGE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- This lodge program is designed to provide housing for senior citizens of Alberta at rates they can afford. The lodges are located not only in central cities, but also in rural areas so that senior citizens may choose to remain the community in which they have lived.

ELIGIBILITY -- The sponsor for a lodge is usually a foundation consisting of a group of municipalities in an area, but may also include a single municipality or non-profit organization.

DESCRIPTION -- This program is intended for senior citizens who are in good health and able to care for themselves without daily medical attention. For this reason medical facilities are not provided in the building. However, the location of lodges is always planned for the best possible accessibility to medical, transportation, shopping and recreational services.

After lodges are built, they become the responsibility of the local foundation. The management group selected by the Foundation Board of Directors hires the staff for the lodge, handles applications, selects tenants and manages daily operations. Sponsoring groups must submit application forms to Alberta Housing Corporation. A.H.C. reviews and researches the submission and the A.H.C. Board makes a recommendation to government within the framework of their annual budget.

FINANCING -- Alberta Housing Corporation, on behalf of the Province of Alberta, provides 100% financing of the construction cost of the building inclusives of all furnishing and equipment needed for operation under fully occupancy. The Foundation is responsible for the operation of the lodge, and all costs incurred in this process.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$7,100,000	$7,200,000	$17,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in 1958.

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SENIOR CITIZEN SELF-CONTAINED PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide senior citizens on low and fixed incomes with well designed accommodation within their means.

ELIGIBILITY -- The sponsor of a self-contained project may be a non-profit organization which includes a municipality, a foundation or an organization constituted exclusively for charitable or benevolent purposes.

DESCRIPTION -- A non-profit society must be registered under The Socieites Act of Alberta, and can include church groups, service clubs and other organizations. The sponsor is responsible for collecting information on the need for self-contained units in a particular area. It is also responsible for the operating management of the project and preventative maintenance. Individuals may apply directly to the sponsoring group for admittance.

One year residency in Alberta immediately prior to application and/or ten years previous residency in Alberta is required. Priority of allocation of units to tenants depends on need as determined by income, assets, housing condition and length of time on waiting list.

FINANCING -- A.H.C. on behalf of the Province of Alberta, provides 100% financing of the construction cost of the building. C.M.H.C. shares the subsidy required. Any operating deficits are shared 50/50 by C.M.H.C. and A.H.C. in accordance with Section 44 of the N.H.A. agreement.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$58,800,000	$62,900,000	$81,800,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

HOMEOWNER REFUND

OBJECTIVES -- A minimum property tax reduction, with respect to an owner's principle residence only, of $200.00 ($400.00 if the owner is 65 years of age or older) or total taxes, whichever is less.

ELIGIBILITY -- This applies only to the owner's principle residence. A mobile home is considered to be a residence and therefore is eligible. However, if farmland is the owners principle residence then the total farming unit is eligible for grant.

DESCRIPTION -- A minimum property tax reduction, with respect to an owner's principle residence only, of $200.00 or total taxes, whichever is less; or if the owner is 65 years of age or older a minimum property tax reduction, with respect to the owner's principle residence only of $400.00 or total taxes, whichever is less. If the amount of the property tax reduction is less than $200 and the total gross tax (including the property reduction) is greater than $200, the Homeowner Refund shall be the amount of the difference between the property tax reduction and $200. When the amount of the property tax reduction is less than $200 and the total gross tax (including the property tax reduction) is less than $200, the Homeowner Refund shall be the amount of the difference between the property tax reduction and the total gross tax. However, if the owner is 65 years of age or older, the calculation is done exactly the same except that a $400 amount is substituted for each $200 entry.

FINANCING -- The Provincial Government will reimburse each municipality 100% for every Homeowner Refund that they have listed. The Provincial Government will also pay each municipality an administration fee for each listed Homeowner Refund Application.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$18,807,900	$18,834,000	$20,152,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on January 1, 1973 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. It has no known termination date.

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INTEREST STABILIZATION GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To stabilize interest charges on capital debentures issued by the Alberta Municipal Finance Corporation and Alberta Treasury.

ELIGIBILITY --

(1) Alberta Municipalities that have borrowed from the Alberta Municipal Finance Corporation since January 1, 1974 for capital projects that are not otherwise subsidized.

(2) Alberta Municipalities that have borrowed from Alberta Treasury since January 1, 1974 for "New Towns' and for "Land Banking".

DESCRIPTION -- Alberta municipalities need not apply for this grant. This program is administered directly by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

FINANCING -- The grant is paid each year in the month that the payment on the debenture becomes due. Payment is made in a calendar year not the government fiscal year.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$11,500,000	$8,996,422	$18,800,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on January 1, 1974 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. It has no known termination date.

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MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- Assisting Local Municipal Governments to continue to provide services to their citizens without undue increases in the local mill rate.

ELIGIBILITY -- This is an unconditional grant available to all Municipal Government units in the Province.

DESCRIPTION -- No application is necessary for this grant. Each year, the Province sets aside a sum of money to be known as the Municipal Assistance Grant to be distributed to Alberta Municipalities on a relative needs basis.

FINANCING -- The grant is normally paid in two installments, the first installment in May or June of each year.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$62,638,721	$67,000,000	$72,147,578

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION

OBJECTIVES -- To reduce the burden of property taxes on residences and farm land.

ELIGIBILITY --

- Residential buildings and the land upon which the building is located.
- A building that is ancillary to the residence and the land upon which the building is located.
- The residential portion of a commercial building and an equal portion of the land.
- Licensed mobile homes and the land upon which the mobile home is located.
- Farmland, except
  (1) Farm land owned by a person who is not a resident of Alberta.
  (2) Farm land owned by a corporation other than
    (a) a private company, all the shareholders of which are members of the same immediate family, or
    (b) an association as defined by "The Co-operative Associations Act" or a co-operative association incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of Canada.

DESCRIPTION -- In summary, the total Provincial School Foundation portion of the current mill rate is not levied by the taxing authority against eligible farm land, eligible residences and the land upon which the eligible residence is located, buildings that are ancillary to the eligible residence and the land upon which the ancillary buildings are located, the eligible residential portion of commercial buildings and an equal portion of the land.

The total Provincial School Foundation portion of the previous year's mill rate is not levied by the taxing authority to calculate the license fee imposed against eligible mobile homes. The total Provincial School Foundation portion of the current mill rate is not levied by the taxing authority against land upon which an eligible mobile home is located.

In each case, the Provincial School Foundation portion of the tax shall be calculated by the taxing authority and is to be shown on the tax notice as "The Property Education Tax Reduction".

FINANCING -- The Provincial Government pays into the School Foundation Fund 100% of the total property tax reduction credits allowed each year.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on January 1, 1973, and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government.

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SENIOR CITIZEN RENTER ASSISTANCE GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- Providing rental assistance to citizens 65 years of age and over who rent living accommodation in the Province and who have not received a Homeowner Refund.

ELIGIBILITY -- Only available to senior citizens 65 years of age or older who have rented living accommodation in the Province for 120 days or longer during the calendar year. Two persons married to one another may make only one application between them unless they are legally separated. Those senior citizens living in active treatment hospitals, auxiliary hospitals or nursing homes do not qualify for this grant.

DESCRIPTION -- Application forms for Senior Citizen Grants may be obtained at Municipal Offices, Alberta Municipal Affairs Offices and Alberta Treasury Branch offices. This program is not available to Senior Citizens who have claimed for a Homeowner Refund.

FINANCING -- The program was recently amended to provide two levels of grants:

(1) $500 to those eligible senior citizens who rent accommodation that is subsidized by the province, and

(2) $1,000 to those eligible senior citizens who rent accommodation that is not subsidized.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$6,500,000	$13,500,000	$25,200,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on January 1, 1973 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date. Applications may be made any time between April 1st of the current year and March 31st of the following year in order to qualify.

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SENIOR CITIZEN OWNER OCCUPIED MOBILE HOME RENTER ASSISTANCE GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide a grant of $400 to citizens 65 years of age or older who own and occupy a mobile home on rented land, and who have not received a Homeowner Refund.

ELIGIBILITY -- Only available to senior citizens 65 years of age or older who own and occupy a mobile home on rented land, (and who have not received a Homeowner Refund) in the Province for 120 days or longer during the calendar year. Two persons married to one another may make only one application between them unless they are legally separated.

DESCRIPTION -- For 1980, a senior citzen who owns and occupies a mobile home on rented land may apply for a homeowner refund, or a mobile home senior citizen renter assistance grant--NOT BOTH.

Application for the grant is made directly to this branch and the grant is paid directly to the owner.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on January 1, 1979 and is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date. Applications may be made any time between April 1st of the current year and March 31st of the following year in order to qualify.

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ALBERTA RECREATION
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MAJOR CULTURAL/RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- The development of regional recreation and cultural facilities.

ELIGIBILITY -- This grant is available to all Alberta municipalities, and to some Societies and Volunteer Organizations upon endorsement by their municipality.

DESCRIPTION -- A program designed to construct or improve existing recreational/cultural facilities. A minimum of 25% of the funding must be used for the development of cultural facilities and no more than 50% to be used for debt retirement. Only 75% can be used for the development of recreational facilities. A five year Recreational Services Master Plan must be developed incorporating a five year operating budget, capital budget, a source of matching funds, project drawings, site plan, why the project is needed, and any agreements and by-laws.

*Municipalities/Organizations making application for this grant should also consider applying for the Agricultural Socieites General Grant listed on page 4 of this booklet.

FINANCING -- The Provincial Government will fund 50% of the approved project cost to any eligible applicant. The maximum funding limit is $100 per capita. The $100 per capita assistance will be based on the maximum (annual) population of a municipality during the ten year period (1975-1984), as released by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$17,000,000	$23,000,000	$23,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1975 and will terminate on December 31, 1984. Applications will be accepted until this date.

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OPERATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist Alberta municipalities with current expenditures in the operation of a variety of community recreation programs.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- This program was designed to aid in operation of existing recreation facilities. Applicants need an outline containing a copy of the current programs, a copy of the current approved program, an assessment of last year's program and a copy of last year's audited budget.

FINANCING -- Payments are based on a $1.00 per capita for the first 20,000 population of the municipality and .20 thereafter.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$1,000,000	$1,050,000	$1,086,650

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented in 1973 and has no known termination date. This is an annual grant and applications have to be made by June 15th of each year.

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PROJECT CO-OPERATION

OBJECTIVES -- To support and encourage co-operative efforts between municipalities and community organizations in the planning and development of Recreation Programs and Facilities.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to all incorporated municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- The following categories amd examples are indicative of the projects that may be planned:

1. Professional plans and specifications of cultural/recreational facilities such as an art gallery or children's playground.

2. Development of a cultural/ recreational facility or renovations to existing facilities such as swimming pool enclosure or a craft workshop.

3. The purchase of land for a cultural/recreational facility such as a fitness trail or auditorium.

4. The clearing or preparation of land for the development of a cultural/ recreational facility such as an amphitheatre or lawn bowling green.

5. Retirement of capital debt.

6. Purchase of long-term equipment such as ski-tow bar.

FINANCING -- A basic grant of five hundred dollars ($500.00) per incorporated municipality. In the case of an improvement district or special area the basic assistance will be $500.00 per Recreation Board, as recognized by the improvement district or special area, and will be paid directly to the Recreational Board. Plus $1.65 per capita made up of:

- Municipal Assistance - $0.50 per capita for each municipality.

- Community Service Organization - $0.50 per capita to any incorporated community organization, service club, group or agency provided they contribute not less than the amount of the grant.

- Regional Recreational Incentive - $0.65 per capita is available to municipalities with a population under 15,000 where two or more municipalities agree to pool resources to provide a service or facility.

- Community School Incentive - $0.65 per capita to municipalities with a population over 15,000 to encourage the use of school facilities by the community. Where a school board and a municipality agree to provide the services to be used by the school and the community, the grant may be obtained to defray expenses such as janitorial, supervisory and program costs or to increase the utility of school facilities for community program.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$4,000,000	$3,100,000	$3,193,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented in 1973 and has no known termination date. Applications must be made by December 31st.

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PROVINCIAL PARKS MUNICIPAL RECREATION GRANTS

OBJECTIVES -- To provide operating assistance to municipalities where a large influx of out-of-area visitors and patrons to their park result in substantial increases in the maintenance costs of those parks.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to all Alberta municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- A municipality may apply to the Minister for a grant to help defray the cost incurred by the municipality in the operation of any campground, picnic ground, beach area or park facility used by persons in addition to the residents of the municipality.

No grant shall be paid under this Schedule unless the Minister is satisfied that the use of the facility by persons not resident in the municipality causes unreasonable operating expenses to that municipality.

FINANCING -- the program provides for assistance in the amounts between $500 to $2,000 annually.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$30,000	$50,000	$50,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Parks Division that was implemented in 1966. It has no known termination date.

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RECREATION WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- 1. To provide temporary employment in the field of Recreation for Alberta students in a degree or diploma program of recreation or recreation related studies.

2. To provide financial assistance to Recreation Boards and Provincial Recreation Associations to hire students to provide services not normally offered.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to Municipal Recreation Boards and Provincial Recreation Associations, also to students in a degree or diploma program of recreation or recreation related studies.

DESCRIPTION -- Applications for positions are priorized according to the following criteria:

1. Projects should be outside of normal funding activities and resources.
2. Projects should be developing untapped areas of Recreation Services.
3. Projects should assist the community or Association in achieving its various recreation development objectives.
4. Projects should allow for expansion of existing programs.
5. Direct supervision of student is the employers responsibility.
6. Positions should not be for activity leaders, swimming instructors, playground leaders.

FINANCING -- R.W.E.P. is an element of Summer Temporary Employment Program. R.W.E.P. receives its funding through S.T.E.P. which is funded by the Department of Advanced Education and Manpower.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$150,000	$150,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented in 1973 and has no known termination date. Applications are due by March 21st of each year.

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TRAIL DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To aid and encourage organized trail development throughout Alberta.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to municipalities, incorporated organizations, provincial recreation associations or persons fulfilling the grant requirements.

DESCRIPTION -- The Trail Development Financial Assistance grants can be used for the following costs directly related to construction only:

- reasonable salaries and wages
- administration costs for stationery, printing, postage, telephones and supplies
- travel, accommodation and meals
- construction supplies, non-capital equipment and equipment rentals
- maintenance, repair and upgrading costs for existing trails

FINANCING -- Only six or eight projects with a maximum of $5,000 per project will be funded each year.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$35,000	$35,000

TIME FRAME -- Applications must be made by April 1st. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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ALBERTA SOCIAL SERVICES
and COMMUNITY HEALTH

ALBERTA DAY CARE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- 1. To support the development of a full range of day care services including day care centres, family day care, after school care, nursery schools, etc.

2. To monitor, maintain and review the Day Care Regulation, APPENDIX TO SOCIAL CARE FACILITIES LICENSING ACT which represents the standards of day care for license issuance.

3. To ensure the availability of financial assistance for eligible families.

ELIGIBILITY -- Day Care is a municipally delivered and administered service and is available to all Alberta municipalities who wish to partake in the provision of day care services.

DESCRIPTION

- Provincial program consultation and administrative support is provided to municipalities, program operators and community groups.
- Provision of day care resource and program development materials to day care community.
- Licensing and monitoring of day care services by the Social Care Facilities Licensing Unit in compliance with Day Care Regulation, APPENDIX TO SOCIAL CARE FACILITIES LICENSING ACT.
- Financial assistance for day care fees is also available to parents who qualify based on their net income and reason for requiring day care. Assistance is determined by a fee schedule set out under provincial guidelines.

FINANCING

- The province will provide grants to municipalities in order to assist in phase-out deficits in publicly operated centres, until August 1, 1983. The Family Subsidy Program will be funded 100% by the province, effective August 1, 1980 and will be available to all families throughout the province. Until that time, the costs of the Family Subsidy Program are cost-shared on a 80-20 basis by the provincial government and by the municipalities respectively.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$11,107,800.00	$13,571,578.00	$15,426,140.00

TIME FRAME

- The Alberta Day Care Program came into effect July 1, 1978 and is an ongoing service.

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INTEGRATED DAY CARE

OBJECTIVES -- To provide normal pre-school day care opportunities for physically handicapped and mentally retarded children.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities who wish to partake in providing these services.

DESCRIPTION --

- Program of day care must be approved by and funded under day care services first.
- Up to 10% of the children in a day care centre may be handicapped.
- Handicapped children must be assessed by Services for the Handicapped personnel.
- Services for the Handicapped Division provides consultative services to program operators.
- Private operators may also receive assistance from this Program.

FINANCING -- The Province will reimburse to operators 100% of the costs above the basic cost of day care operation. Upon agreement, the Province will also pay all the capital costs associated with modifying the facilities to make them accessible to the handicapped. Reimbursement is done on a quarterly basis.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$362,335	$398,378

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in September 1975. Municipalities must make their application by January 1st in order to receive support in the next fiscal year.

INFORMATION CONTACT -- Dr. Maria Carey
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PREVENTIVE SOCIAL SERVICES

OBJECTIVES -- To develop community awareness and resources, strengthen and preserve human initiative and to preclude individual and family breakdown. The intent of prevention is to reduce the incidence of failure, both social and economic.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all urban municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- Where a municipality provides for the establishment and operation of preventive social service programs of a nature and in a manner satisfactory to the Minister, the Minister may pay to the municipality:

- A grant not exceeding 80% of municipal expenses incurred in administration of material aid given by the municipality.
- A grant not exceeding 80% of municipal expenses incurred in administration of preventive social service programs.
- A grant not exceeding 80% of the amount paid by the municipality for establishment and operation of preventive social service programs.

FINANCING -- Payment is made to municipalities making application for reimbursement of expenditures, upon submission of approved claims.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$8,400,000	$9,200,000	$10,100,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYABLES - PAYMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES

OBJECTIVES -- To provide for the basic necessities and special needs of employable persons who are in need and residing in established municipalities which wish to continue providing this assistance themselves, rather than transferring the responsibility to the provincial social allowance program.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the counties, municipal districts and cities currently receiving benefits from this program. Assistance to employable persons in the municipalities is provided directly by the Province through the district offices of Social Services and Community Health.

DESCRIPTION -- The municipality will:

- follow approved rates and administrative policies as set down by the department.
- appoint one or more department approved welfare workers to maintain standards and methods of work prescribed by the department.
- submit such statements of expenditure and other information as the Minister may require.
- in cases of urgent necessity, provide social assistance to any person in need of assistance living within the municipality's boundaries.

FINANCING -- The Department will reimburse the municipality for 90% of the total costs incurred. Claim forms are submitted monthly and payment is made directly to the participating municipality.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$60,000	N/A	$60,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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SUMMER RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE HANDICAPPED

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities in providing an integrated or segregated summer recreational and developmental program for the physically handicapped and mentally retarded.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities who wish to provide these services.

DESCRIPTION --

- all proposed programs must be approved by the Services for the Handicapped Branch.
- the Handicapped Branch provides program consultation and staff development in the form of workshops, seminars, etc.
- assist in capital purchases of materials to be used in the program.

FINANCING -- The program provides two levels of grants;

(1) $10.00 per day per mildly to moderately handicapped person for the duration of the summer program to a maximum period of July 1 to August 31.

(2) $20.00 per day per dependant handicapped person for the duration of the summer program to a maximum period of July 1 to August 31.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented in the summer of 1979. Municipalities must make their application by January 1 in order to receive support in the next fiscal year.

INFORMATION CONTACT -- Dr. Marie Carey
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ALBERTA
SOLICITOR GENERAL

LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANT

OBJECTIVES - To help all urban municipalities paying for their own policing in defraying the rising policing costs.

ELIGIBILITY - This program is available to all Alberta municipalities with a population in excess of 1,500.

DESCRIPTION - 1. For Edmonton and Calgary the amount of the grant shall be one-half the cost of an R.C.M.P. constable times the population and divided by 550.

2. For all other eligible urban centres the amount of the grant shall be one-half the cost of an R.C.M.P. constable times the population and divided by 800.

FINANCING - The department will calculate the grant payable to each urban municipality yearly.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$19,830,000	$21,256,770

TIME FRAME - This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that was implemented on April 1, 1975. It has no known termination date.

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LIQUOR CONTROL ACT

OBJECTIVES -- To help the smaller centres in the province offset the costs of holding an intoxicated person in their cells without charge until such time as the individual being detained is deemed sober.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all municipalities that have jail cell facilities.

DESCRIPTION -- The grant allows a fee of $7.00 per person who is held without charge in a cell accomodation maintained by the village, town or city. The village, town or city bills this department monthly for each person lodged in their cells during that month and the billing must be certified by the police force policing that particular location.

FINANCING -- The village, town or city is entitled to $7.00 per person per day. Accounts are submitted to the department monthly for certification and processing.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$200,000	$150,000	$150,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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MUNICIPAL POLICE BUILDING SUBSIDY

OBJECTIVES -- To provide assistance to municipalities building a new police building or to make repairs to the existing police buildings.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to municipalities who have not received this assistance before.

DESCRIPTION -- The grant is based on two-thirds of the cost of the police building, and in no case will exceed the sum of $80,000. The grant shall be used only for assistance in construction of a police building or portion of the building to be used for police facilities. The cost of the building will not include the land value.

FINANCING -- Payment will be made either when work is completed or as the work progresses, upon receipt of accounts certified by the municipality's auditors.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$210,000	$210,000	$400,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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POLICE PHASE-IN GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide financial assistance to municipalities required by The Police Act, 1973 to provide their own policing.

ELIGIBILITY -- Only those municipalities whose population has reached in excess of 1,500 can qualify for this grant.

DESCRIPTION -- Once a municipality has signed a municipal policing contract with the R.C.M.P., the province will then pay a five-year phase-in grant of 60% of the manpower costs the first year, 40% of the manpower costs in year two and 25% in years three, four and five.

FINANCING -- Payment is made to the municipality twice yearly and upon receipt of proof that the R.C.M.P. Police billing has been paid.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$200,000	$210,000	$150,000

TIME FRAME -- This program has a five-year term from the date of original signing. This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government and has no known termination date.

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SUMMER VILLAGE POLICING

OBJECTIVES -- To assist summer villages who supply their own policing from May 15th to September 15th yearly.

ELIGIBILITY -- This grant is available to all summer villages who supply their own policing during the summer months of May, June, July August and September.

DESCRIPTION -- A grant of $400 a month is made available to all summer villages to assist in defraying the cost of the summer special constable.

FINANCING -- Upon proof of payment to the special constable, a monthly billing in the amount of $200.00 is made to this department.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$12,000	$6,000	$18,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government. Applications by summer villages should be made by March 31st each year.

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ALBERTA
TRANSPORTATION

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URBAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PACKAGE

OBJECTIVES -- 1. Promote and facilitate dynamic, balanced and diversified economic and social development throughout the province.

2. Provide assistance to urban communities on an equitable basis so as to maintain or enrich the quality of life for all Albertans.

3. Minimize the impact upon cities of federal reductions in or withdrawal from previously announced or inititated programs.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program package is primarily intended to financially assist the 11 incorporated cities. The exception to this is the Hamlet of Sherwood Park which is eligible for the Grant-in-Lieu of Public Transportation Operating Assistance to Cities and the Public Transit Capital Assistance Programs.

DESCRIPTION -- This package program consists of nine component programs.

1. Arterial Roadway Capital Assistance
2. Grant-in-Lieu of Public Transportation Operating Assistance to Cities
3. Major Continuous Corridors
4. Primary Highway Maintenance Grant
5. Public Transit Capital Assistance
6. Railway/Highway Grade Separation Structure Assistance
7. Research and Development
8. Transportation System Management
9. Urban Signing Project

The details of each of the above nine programs are given under their individual headings following this package summary. Through the use of trust agreements between the Province and the cities and unconditional and project programs, this package facilitates effective utilization of funds provided under the various component programs.

Programs administered under the terms of the trust agreements:

- Arterial Roadway Capital Assistance
- Public Transit Capital Assistance
- Transportation System Management

} Covered by single trust agreement

- Major Continuous Corridors
- Railway/Highway Grade Separation Structure Assistance

Unconditional Programs

° Grant-in-Lieu of Public Transportation Operating Assistance to Cities
° Primary Highway Maintenance Grant

Project Programs

° Research and Development
° Urban Signing Project

FINANCING -- Approximately 750 million dollars has been committed under this program package for the six year period ending March 31, 1985.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented April 1, 1979 and will expire March 31, 1985.

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ARTERIAL ROADWAY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

OBJECTIVES -- 1. To assist financially in the development within cities of major arterial roadways which are an extension of and directly support the primary highway system (into or through the city).

2. To encourage and financially assist in the development of adequate intra-urban route continuity and to facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods within the city, particularly urban truck routes.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the 11 incorporated cities in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- This program contributes 2/3's of the cities costs, including land, incurred in the construction of major arterial roadway construction projects. The Province will provide assistance of $27,000,000 in 1979/80, increasing to $42,000,000 in 1984/85.

FINANCING -- Total financial assistance for this program is $207,000,000, which will be allocated in the following manner:

(In Thousands)

City	1979/80	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85	TOTAL
Calgary	$9,000	$10,000	$11,000	$12,000	$13,000	$14,000	$69,000
Edmonton	9,000	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	69,000
Lethbridge	2,250	2,500	2,750	3,050	3,300	3,550	17,400
Medicine Hat	1,500	1,700	1,850	2,050	2,200	2,350	11,650
Red Deer	1,650	1,850	2,050	2,200	2,400	2,600	12,750
St. Albert	1,250	1,400	1,550	1,650	1,800	1,950	9,600
Smaller Cities	2,350	2,550	2,800	3,050	3,300	3,550	17,600
TOTAL	$27,000	$30,000	$33,000	$36,000	$39,000	$42,000	$207,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1985.

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URBAN: GRANT-IN-LIEU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE

OBJECTIVES -- To provide to the cities with public transit services unconditional assistance which may be used to:

- reduce or eliminate their public transit operating deficits.
- provide or contribute to the provision of specialized transportation services for senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta cities with established public transit services.*

DESCRIPTION -- This is an unconditional grant which is to be used in assisting the transportation of senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped. It does not have to be used for a specific transportation facility. The funds may be used to establish or assist in establishment of a particular transportation service or the direct subsidization or upgrading of existing taxi/transportation services.

FINANCING -- Cities and municipalities with public transit systems will receive $7.50 per capita yearly based on their annual official census population.

Based on estimated 1980 city populations, the total of all grants-in-lieu of transit operations and contributions for transportation to senior citizens and handicapped persons for 1980/81 is $1,079,200.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1985.

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* For cities without public transit services see Rural: Grant-in-Lieu of Public Transportation Operating Assistance.

MAJOR CONTINUOUS CORRIDORS

OBJECTIVES -- The primary program objective is to promote and ensure the construction of one primary highway route of provincial and local importance in each city.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the 11 incorporated cities in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- The Province will provide 90 percent of approved costs of construction up to the maximum specified for each project. The maximum Provincial share will be established on a project-by-project basis.

FINANCING --

	1979/80	1980/81	1981/82
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$36,500,000	$32,230,000	$20,200,000

	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85
	$20,200,00	$20,200,00	$20,200,00

The six-year total program budget is $149,530,000.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1977 and under its current programming will terminate on March 31, 1984.

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PRIMARY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE GRANT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide contributions toward the maintenance of primary Provincial highway routes within the cities boundaries.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the 11 incorporated cities in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- This is a totally unconditional grant to alleviate the city costs incurred in maintaining components of the Provincial highway system within their boundaries.

FINANCING -- In 1979/80 the Province contributed towards the maintenance of primary provincial highway routes a grant of $2000 per lane mile. This grant increases by $200 per lane mile annually over the remaining 5 years of the current program.

Maximum Provincial commitment under this program will be $1.6 million in 1979/80 increasing to $2.4 million in 1984/85. Total assistance to be provided to this program over the six years from 1979/80 to 1984/85 is $11.8 million.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1985.

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PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE

OBJECTIVES -- The objectives of the Public Transit Capital Assistance Program are:

1) To improve the quality of life in urban areas by assisting municipalities in the provision of mobility for urban residents who, by choice or by necessity, utilize public transit.

2) To assist urban municipalities in providing public transit services in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

ELIGIBILITY -- All the cities, plus the County of Strathcona, which do or do not presently operate public transit systems are eligible for assistance. However, other urban municipalities with demonstrable needs for urban transit assistance may, with application to the Minister of Transportation, become eligible for assistance under this program upon the inititation of approved services.

DESCRIPTION -- The Province supports the use of public transit capital assistance funds for the construction of efficient and cost-effective light rail transit systems. Provincial approval of LRT projects will require substantial completion of previously approved legs prior to commitment to additional segments of the system.

Those cities not presently operating public transit systems but eligible for assistance under provisions of the City Transportation Act, will continue to receive Public Transit Capital Assistance funds in trust.

FINANCING -- The following funds will be available under the Public Transit Capital Assistance Program to urban areas with public transit systems.

(In Thousands)

City	1979/80	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85	TOTAL
Calgary	$12,500	$17,000	$19,000	$21,000	$23,000	$25,000	$117,500
Edmonton	12,500	17,000	19,000	21,000	23,000	25,000	117,500
Lethbridge	400	440	480	520	560	600	3,000
Medicine Hat	267	297	327	357	387	417	2,052
Red Deer	292	322	352	382	412	442	2,202
St. Albert	350	385	415	445	475	505	2,575
C. Strathcona	350	385	415	445	475	505	2,575
Smaller Cities	405	405	405	405	405	405	2,430
TOTALS	$27,064	$36,234	$40,394	$44,554	$48,714	$52,874	$249,834

The following sums will be available to Alberta cities who do not presently operate public transit services:

City	Annual	Total
Camrose	$ 85,000	$510,000
Drumheller	50,000	300,000
Grande Prairie	150,000	900,000
Lloydminster	55,000	330,000
Wetaskiwin	65,000	390,000

Total assistance under the Public Transit Capital Assistance program will be $27,064,000 during the 1979/80 fiscal year, increasing to $52,874,000 during the 1984/85 fiscal year. Total program assistance over six years will be $249,834,000.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1985.

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RAILWAY/HIGHWAY SEPARATION STRUCTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- 1. To replace funding lost to Alberta cities by the cancellation of the federal program of financial assistance to railway/highway separation structure construction.

2. To assist Alberta municipalities in the development and construction of the railway/highway separation structures conducive to the efficiency and safety of the urban transportation system.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the 11 incorporated cities in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- The program will contribute financially toward the cost of constructing necessary separation structures on both roadway and light rail transit systems. The funding formula is as follows:

1) For separation structures on approved major continuous corridors through cities--90% of eligible costs after the railway's contribution.
2) For separation structures on the approved arterial roadway network--66-2/3% of eligible costs after the railway's contribution.
3) For separation structures on light rail transit lines, whether road/rail or rail/rail--66-2/3% of the eligible costs after the railway's contribution.

The railway's contribution will be negotiated jointly by the city and the Province on a project-by-project basis; the amount of the railway's contribution depends on the purpose of the grade separation structure and the distribution of benefits therefrom.

FINANCING -- Total funding available under the Railway/Highway Separation Structure Assistance Program will be $7.5 million per year for a program total of $45.0 Million over six years.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1985.

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SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Research and Development — Transportation System Management

OBJECTIVES -- The objectives of the Systems Management Assistance Program are:

1) To promote and financially assist in effective planning and coordination of urban transportation systems.
2) To develop and implement improved analytical and evaluation techniques, improved transportation technology, and appropriate cost effective urban transportation improvements.
3) To promote and financially assist in studies to improve urban transportation safety.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the 11 incorporated cities in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- There are two separate projects in this program:

1) Research and Development, and
2) Transportation Systems Management.

Both of these projects are intended to expand the Urban Transportation Plan and to reduce traffic problems within the major urban cities.

FINANCING -- The Province will contribute two-thirds of the costs of projects approved under this program. Total budget allocation for the six year program is $25,000,000.

- for Research and Development projects, a budget of $1,500,000 per year has been established.
- for Transportation Systems Management projects, a budget of $1,500,000 has been established for 1979/80, rising to $2,500,000 in 1980/81, and $3,000,000 per annum thereafter.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1985.

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URBAN SIGNING PROJECT

OBJECTIVES -- To provide uniformity and systemization of guide signing, clarity of routing, and guide signing to destinations of interest to the motoring public in urban areas.

To provide financial assistance to cities to implement the Alberta Urban Signing Policy within a reasonable time frame.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the 11 incorporated cities in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- This program is primarily designed to assist tourists in the urban areas in locating visitor attractions and points of interest.

FINANCING -- The Province will provide 90% of the associated costs of guide-signing on the city's cost-sharable network. The maximum Provincial budget is $500,000 for 1979/80 and $600,000 per year for both 1980/81 and 1981/82.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1982.

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ALBERTA AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- Provide new and/or upgraded airports to Alberta communities, enabling development of air services and attendant industrial activities. Provide bases for Forest Protection Water Bombing.

ELIGIBILITY -- Municipalities which already have airports that need upgrading, and municipalities in dire need of a local airport.

DESCRIPTION -- The Department will usually provide 100% financing for the construction of a new airport and facilities. If necessary, the Department will also pay for the 80 acres of land that are needed for the airport site. Approved construction includes: a 3,000' x 75' paved and lighted runway, paved taxiway, access roads, parking apron, building development, area and public car park.

Municipalities must contact Alberta Transportation and complete a questionnaire of need. If the application is successful Alberta Transportation will supervise the construction.

FINANCING -- Usually 100% financing by Alberta Transportation.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$7,133,000	$7,200,000	$8,400,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

INFORMATION CONTACT -- Tom Watt, Director
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ALBERTA HAMLETS STREET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To provide special assistance for improving streets in Alberta hamlets.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to those areas of land that are officially designated as hamlets within rural municipalities.

DESCRIPTION -- The types of street improvements which will be eligible for this funding will include construction of lasting street and sidewalk facilities serving both road users and pedestrians. These improvements will include grading, gravelling, acceptable quality oil treatments, stabilized gravel base/paving, concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters, roadway storm sewers and drainage systems, bridges, traffic signs and signals, and street lighting. Applications must be submitted by the appropriate rural municipality on behalf of the hamlet.

FINANCING -- 1. Eligibility for assistance is based on $30,000. basic grant plus $60. per capita for Hamlets with populations of 100 or more; and $10,000 basic grant plus $60. per capita for Hamlets with populations of 50 to 100. Hamlets with populations of less than 50 will be reviewed on an individual basis by Transportation regional staff in cooperation with rural councils to ascertain whether assistance is warranted.

2. The population figures useable in determining grant entitlement will be in accordance with the most recent Official Census data available from Municipal Affairs at the time of commencement of each improvement project.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$1,000,000	$1,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will terminate on March 31, 1985.

INFORMATION CONTACT -- There are two information contacts for this program depending upon the municipalities status:

FOR IMPROVEMENTS DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL AREAS:

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CULVERT INSTALLATION GRANTS

OBJECTIVES -- To provide technical and financial assistance to Counties and Municipalities with large culvert installations (5 ft. in diameter or larger) which serve in lieu of bridges.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is primarily available to Counties and Municipal Districts. Assistance is also provided to towns and villages when such installations are on road allowances.

DESCRIPTION -- In late summer, Alberta Transportation accepts requests from the Counties and Municipalities covering their requirements for bridge structures. Selection and priority for grants is determined on the basis of a demonstrated need.

This grant will pay toward such costs as preparation of foundation, assembly of culvert, backfill under haunches and rip rap. It does not cover the cost of grading approaches or machine placed fill in the grade over the pipe.

FINANCING -- Alberta Transportation will contribute towards the acceptable installation of large culverts (5 ft. in diameter or larger) and will supply the necessary culvert material at no cost to the Road Authority.

	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGETS	$250,000

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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RURAL: GRANT-IN-LIEU OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE

OBJECTIVES -- To provide to the municipalities without public transit unconditional assistance which may be used:

- as a contribution in the establishment of specialized transportation services for senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped.
- as a contribution towards subsidization or upgrading of existing taxi/transportation services for the benefit of senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is available to all Alberta municipalities without established public transit services.*

DESCRIPTION -- This is an unconditional grant which is to be used in assisting the transportation of senior citizens, the disabled and the handicapped. It does not have to be used to establish or assist in the establishment of a particular transportation service or the direct subsidization or upgrading of existing taxi/transportation services.

FINANCING -- Cities, towns, villages, municipal districts, counties, improvement districts and special areas without public transit will receive $2.00 per capita yearly based on their annual census population.

The population figures used in the grant calculations will be in accordance with the most recent confirmed figures published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

The total 1980/81 unconditional grants-in-lieu of transit operation assistance and contributions for transportation to senior citizens and handicapped persons is $10,608,890.

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1979 and will expire on March 31, 1985.

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* For cities with public transit services see Urban: Grant-in-Lieu of Public Transportation Operating Assistance.

GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

OBJECTIVES -- To assist the Counties and Municipal Districts with construction projects involving upgrading, gravelling and paving, with an aim to improve the road network to a standard that will satisfy the traffic demand and need.

ELIGIBILITY -- This Program is available only to the Counties and Municipal Districts in Alberta.

DESCRIPTION -- Program allocations are calculated by formula. Factors considered in the calculation of grant money assigned to Counties and Municipal Districts on an annual basis involve population, equalized assessment, miles of opened road (including local and secondary roads less miles of paved roads) and a terrain factor that takes into account difficult construction problems. Projects are prepared on an Articles of Agreement form and are reviewed by the District Transportation Engineer with each council.

FINANCING -- The Department funds 100% of the project. 50% of the funds are advanced by cheque as soon as a signed Trust agreement is received from the municipalities. The balance is paid once the work is completed and inspected.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$16,426,370	$18,500,000	$20,889,340

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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RAILWAY CROSSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist municipalities with their share of the capital cost of improving railway crossings on roads under municipal jurisdiction - excluding roads under city administration.

DESCRIPTION -- The program is designed to improve safety at existing railway crossings and to assist municipalities to obtain new crossings that may be needed. It includes the installation of automatic protection signals, clearing of sight lines, improving of grades, etc.

Municipalities must apply to Alberta Transportation to make their needs known. Alberta Transportation, in turn, will forward the application to the Railway Transport Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission and provided any engineering or technical information required.

FINANCING -- At crossings on secondary roads, the Department pays 100% of the road authority's share (municipality's share) of the cost of the improvement.

-- At crossings on other local roads the Department pays 50% of the road authority's share of the cost of the improvement.

-- The Department does not contribute toward the cost of maintaining crossings or automatic protection signals.

PROVINCIAL BUDGET -- Not available as these costs are included with other expenditures in municipalities.

TIME FRAME -- This is an ongoing program of the Provincial Government that has no known termination date.

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STREET ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To assist Alberta towns and villages with required capital road and street improvements.

ELIGIBILITY -- This program is only available to the towns and villages (including summer villages) in the Province.

DESCRIPTION -- The types of street improvement which will be eligible for this funding will include the construction of lasting street and sidewalk facilities serving both the road users and the pedestrians. These improvements will include grading, gravelling, acceptable quality oil treatments, paving, concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters, roadway storm sewers and drainage systems, bridges, traffic signs and signals, and street lighting. To assure best results, these facilities must be implemented to acceptable engineering standards and operational designs according to requirements. Road or street maintenance costs are exempt from this program.

FINANCING -- Each town, village and summer village with a permanent population of 100 or more is eligible to receive a grant providing $30,000 as a basic amount, plus $60 per capita. Towns, villages and summer villages with a permanent population of less than 100 will be eligible for a grant of $10,000 as a basic amount plus $60 per capita.

The population figures used in the grant calculation will be in accordance with the most recent confirmed figures published by Alberta Municipal Affairs at the date closest to the acceptance of the project. Each town and village is eligible for only one grant.

	1978/79	1979/80	1980/81
PRROVINCIAl BUDGET	$4,000,000	$8,000,000	$8,000,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was implemented on April 1, 1978 and is actually an extension of the five-year Street Improvement Program which terminated on March 31, 1978. The new program is an ongoing one that will expire once all Alberta Municipalities have participated.

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ALBERTA UTILITIES and TELEPHONES

UTILITIES OFFICER PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES -- To make the services of a knowledgeable individual available to rural local government authorities; to assist in the organization, development and regulation of utilities within their jurisdictional area.

ELIGIBILITY -- Available to all rural municipal districts, Counties and improvement districts in the Province, within which there is a substantial rural gas utility either in operation or under consideration.

DESCRIPTION -- The Utilities officer to be qualified through attendance and passage of a training course provided by the Department of Utilities and Telephones in order to be available for advice and assistance to ratepayers within the local government authorities jurisdictional area; and also to assist the local Council with the setting out and administration of appropriate and applicable regulation of all types of utilities. Grant support is to apply only to directly utility related functions, and budgets and expenditure statements are required to be submitted to Department of Utilities and Telephones, including separation of costs of different functions, if applicable.

FINANCING -- Up to $15,000.00 per year is available to each rural local authority based on submission of a budget and an actual expenditure statement at the end of each calendar year. All costs in excess of this amount are to be borne directly by the local employing authority.

	1979/80	1980/81
PROVINCIAL BUDGET	$750,000	$750,000

TIME FRAME -- This program was instituted in conjunction with the Rural Gas Program in 1973. It is seen as a continuing program with no known termination date.

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